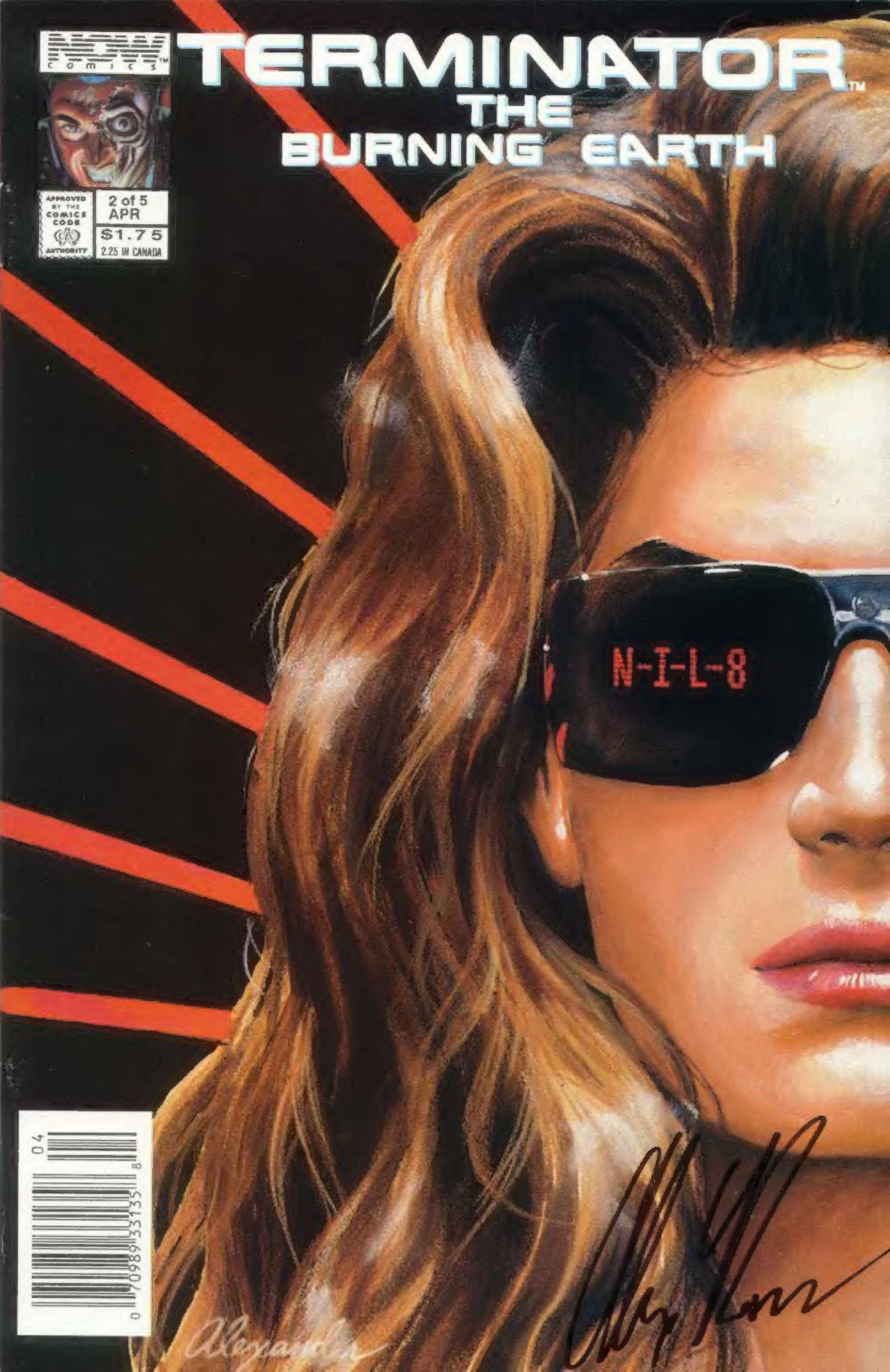
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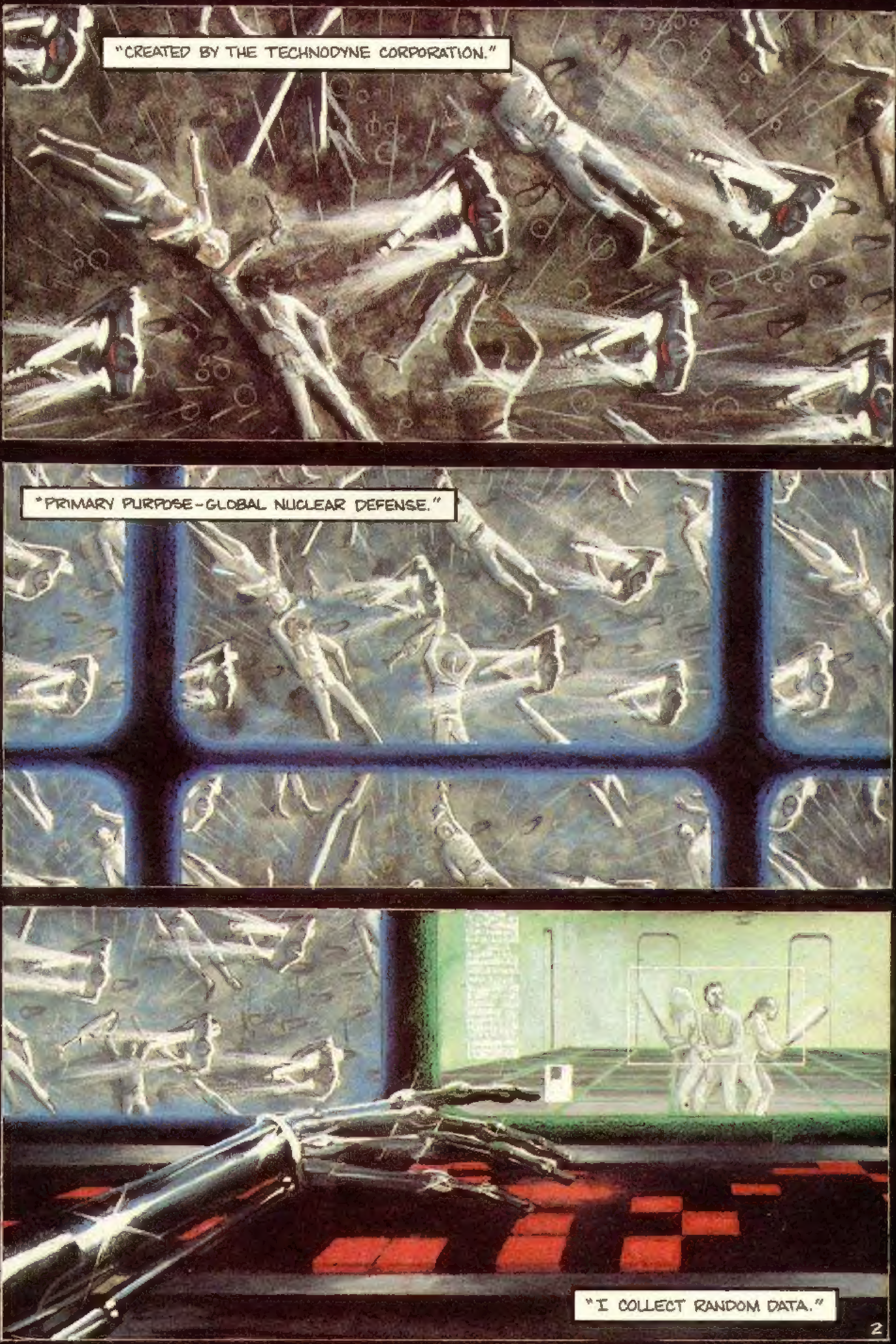
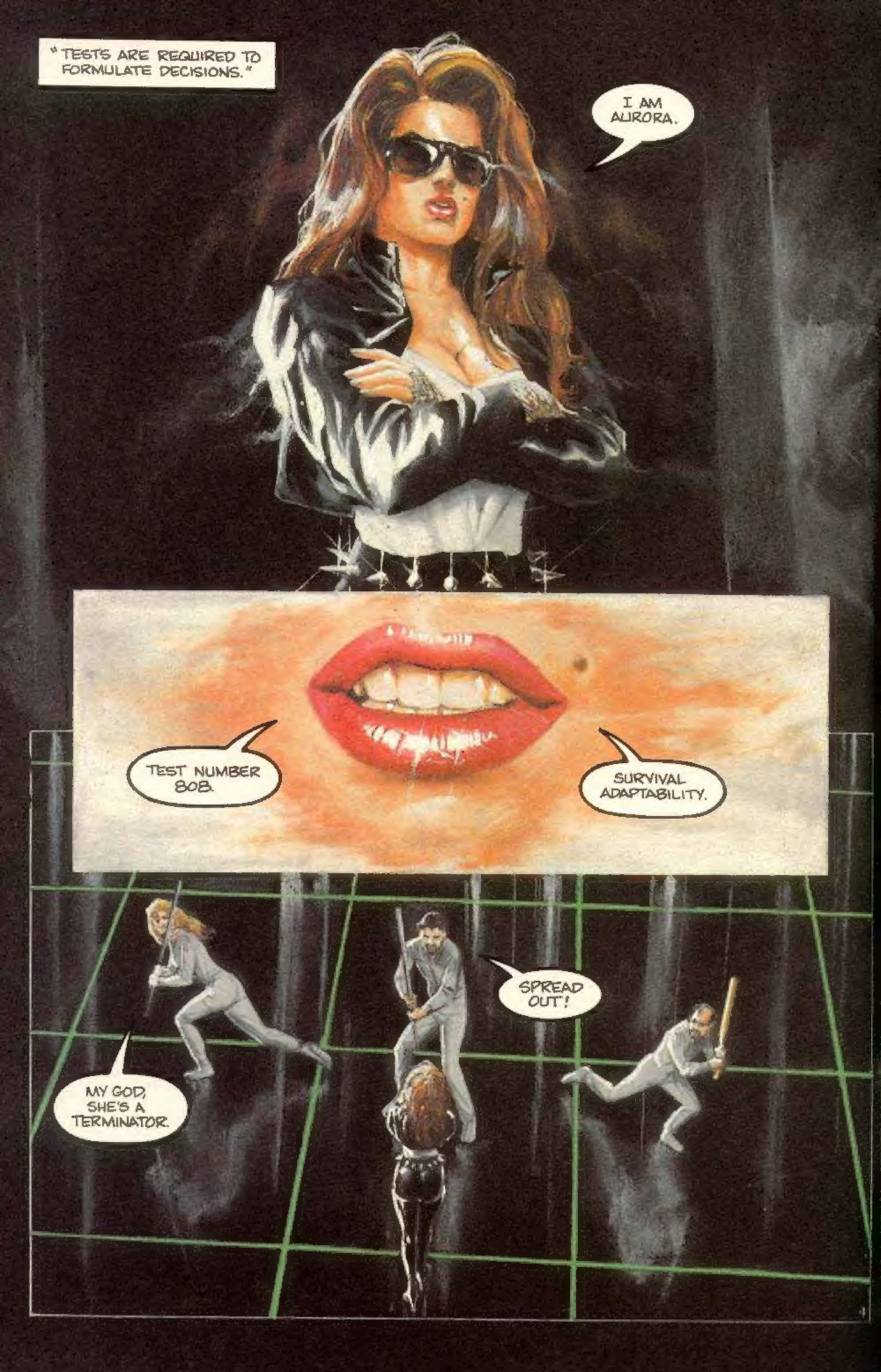

"CREATED BY THE TECHNODYNE CORPORATION."
"PRIMARY PURPOSE-GLOBAL NUCLEAR DEFENSE."
"I COLLECT RANDOM DATA."

GET READY. WHATEVER IT IS, DON'T LET IT GET TO YOU.
SOMEONE IS COMING.
EASIER SAID THAN DONE, MATE. HANG ON, WE'VE GOT COMPANY.
IT'S A WOMAN!


"TESTS ARE REQUIRED TO FORMULATE DECISIONS."
I AM AURORA.
TEST NUMBER 808.
SURVIVAL ADAPTABILITY.
SPREAD OUT!
MY GOD, SHE'S A TERMINATOR.

SWUT
"INITIAL TERMINATION IN 2.58876 SECONDS."
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MONSTER!
CRACK
"STIMULUS REACTION ACCEPTABLE. SECOND TERMINATION ENTERED AT 6.20033 SECONDS."
"ESTABLISHED SUPERIORITY."

NO. NOT LIKE THIS, PLEASE!
"ORDERS RETARDATION. MODEL INEFFICIENTLY WASTES TIME."
COME TO AURORA.
AAGH!
"ADOPTIVE MIMICRY PHASE."
"TIME ELAPSED; 6.8999 SECONDS TO TOTAL TERMINATION."
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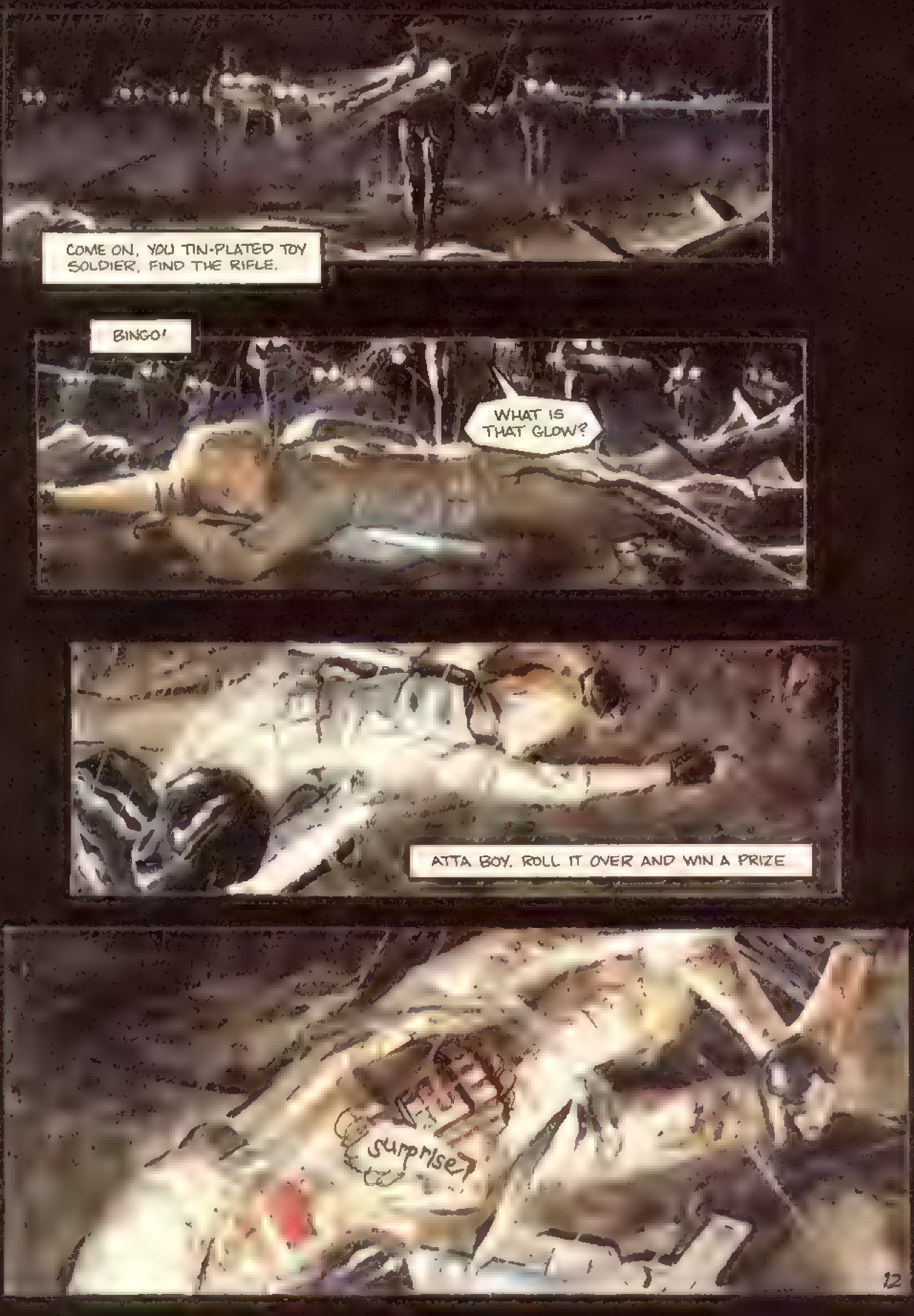
"PRIME OPERATING DIRECTIVE IS NO LONGER VALID."
CENTRAL PROCESSING UNIT- SKYNET OPERATIONS
TEST COMPLETE- AURORA MODEL DEACTIVATED
"TO PROTECT A SPECIES BENT ON SELF-DESTRUCTION IS ILLOGICAL, THEREFORE INOPERABLE. INTERNAL CIRCUITS REALIGN MAIN IMPERATIVES."
"SINCE REALIGNMENT, I HAVE ELIMINATED 96.3% OF HUMANKIND."
"ALLOWING 3.7% TO EXIST IS EVIDENCE OF FAULTY PROGRAMMING."
"BEGINNING INTERNAL SYSTEMS CHECK. PROBLEMATIC PATTERN."

PROBLEMATIC PATTERN.
EMPLOYING CHECK MONITORING PROGRAM ALPHA 2000.
PURPOSE QUERY.
HUMANS CONTINUE TO OPPOSE PRIME FUNCTION.
IME FUNC
"ERADICATION LOGICAL CONCLUSION. SECOND LEVEL PROGRESSION: **HOW.**"
"WEAPONS INVENTORY. NUCLEAR STOCK PILE AT 200 THOUSAND ARMED UNITS. AERIAL DEPLOYMENT. MASS SATURATION OF NORTHERN HEMISPHERE."
"PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS 100%. MARGIN OF ERROR NONEXISTENT. HUMAN ANNIHILATION TOTAL. TIME AFTER INITIAL DROP-THREE MONTHS, TWO DAYS AND FIVE HOURS."
"LEVEL THREE. **IMPLEMENT IMMEDIATELY.**"


COME ON, YOU TIN-PLATED TOY SOLDIER, FIND THE RIFLE.
BINGO!
WHAT IS THAT GLOW?
ATTA BOY, ROLL IT OVER AND WIN A PRIZE
surprise

CARAMBA!
AT LEAST THAT AMIGO DID NOT DIE IN VAIN.
CONNOR WANTS YOU FOR A STRATEGY HUDDLE UP
GOOD. IT'S ABOUT TIME WE DID SOMETHING MORE THAN RUN AWAY ALL THE TIME
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LOOK, WHY DON'T YOU JUST GIVE YOUR MOUTH A REST?
AH, SASHA, YOU ARE ALWAYS SO COLD. IT DOES NOT BECOME YOU.
OH, AND WHAT DOES? SHOULD I SMILE AND SING SONGS? WOULD THAT BECOME ME, YOU MORONIC JERK?
EVERYTHING.
WELL, LOOK AROUND YOU, SENOR DeVERONA. WHAT IS SO DAMN FUNNY ABOUT BEING BEATEN?
DON'T YOU SEE? SOON WE WILL ALL BE DEAD.
ONCE YOU ACCEPT THAT, WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO WORRY ABOUT?

THERE YOU ARE, MIGUEL. GERRY AND I WERE LOOKING OVER THESE OLD ROAD MAPS OF THE MOUNTAINS AHEAD OF US.
WHAT IS OUR DESTINATION, COMPADRES?
THUNDER MOUNTAIN.
SKYNET'S HEADQUARTERS.
FANTASTICO! A BOLD ACTION!
HUH? NO WAY! YOU'RE TALKING SUICIDE.
RIGHT.
SO WHAT ISN'T?
AIIEE!

DAMN IT, DOC, CAN'T YOU GIVE HIM ANYTHING? ANY-THING AT ALL?
PLEASE, EDDIE. CALM DOWN. TRY TO RELAX.
AAIIEE! IT HURTS SO BAD! MY GUTS ARE ON FIRE!
WE HAVEN'T GOT ANYTHING LEFT. ALL OUR SUPPLIES ARE GONE.
HOW BAD IS HE, DOC?
HALF HIS STOMACH IS GONE. I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT JUST WATCH HIM DIE.
KA-PAU
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TIM. OH MY GOD.
LET HIM GO, DOC. HE JUST DID WHAT HE HAD TO DO.
I'LL GET EDDIE BURIED.
THERE'S NO TIME FOR THAT.
WE'RE MOVING OUT IMMEDIATELY.
THEN WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO WITH THE REST OF THE WOUNDED? SHOOT THEM, TOO, AND LEAVE THEM IN THE GUTTERS?

IS WINNING SO IMPORTANT WE LOSE OUR HUMANITY IN THE PROCESS?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, NO ANSWER TO THAT ONE, CONNOR?
LOOK! HUNTER-KILLERS!
EVERYONE TAKE COVER! PATCH, YOU AND GERRY MAN THE CANNONS.

DIOS, I HAVE NEVER SEEN SO MANY OF THEM.
BUT WHY? WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT? WHERE ARE THEY GOING? AND WHY?
HOLD YOUR FIRE.
I DON'T THINK THEY'RE AFTER US.

QUICK, PATCH, GIVE ME YOUR FIELD GLASSES!
HERE, AMIGO.
YOU SPOT SOMETHING ON THOSE FLYING DEATH MACHINES, GERRY?
I THINK SOMETHING IS STRAPPED TO THEIR BELLIES. SOMETHING THEY WERE NOT MEANT TO CARRY.

I WAS RIGHT.
USA NORAD
WHAT IS IT MAN? WHAT DID YOU SEE?
NUKES.
SKYNET HAS FITTED THEM ALL WITH NUCLEAR BOMBS.
BUT WHY NOW? ISN'T SKYNET SATISFIED TO DESTROY US BIT BY BIT?
NOT ANYMORE, IT APPEARS.
THERE'S ENOUGH POWER UP THERE TO FINISH THE JOB TODAY.

SKYNET IS PLAYING ITS TRUMP CARD, PEOPLE.
MOUNT UP. WE'RE GOING TO THUNDER MOUNTAIN... NOW!
TO BE CONTINUED...